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U. S. PTO Customer No. 25280

Case #9242

REMARKS

Claims 8, 10, 11, 16, 18, and 20 have been amended. Claims 9, 17, and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, claims 1-8, 10-16, 18, and 20 remain for consideration.

Applicants respectfully request examination and allowance of the present claims.

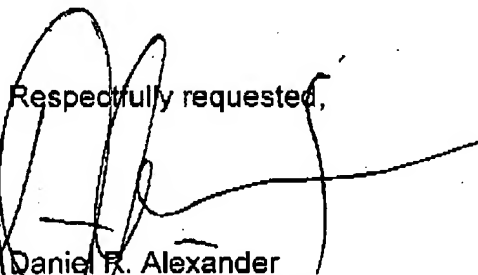
Applicants respectfully believe that no fee is due in connection with this

Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Should any fees be owed in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Respectfully requested,

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